



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 296***

LCO No. 1840



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL ORDERS WRITTEN BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-12d of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2014*):

4 (a) A physician assistant who has complied with the provisions of  
5 sections 20-12b and 20-12c may perform medical functions delegated  
6 by a supervising physician when: (1) The supervising physician is  
7 satisfied as to the ability and demonstrated competency of the  
8 physician assistant; (2) such delegation is consistent with the health  
9 and welfare of the patient and in keeping with sound medical practice;  
10 and (3) such functions are performed under the oversight, control and  
11 direction of the supervising physician. The functions that may be  
12 performed under such delegation are those that are within the scope of  
13 the supervising physician's license, within the scope of such  
14 physician's competence as evidenced by such physician's postgraduate  
15 education, training and experience and within the normal scope of

16 such physician's actual practice. Delegated functions shall be  
17 implemented in accordance with a written delegation agreement  
18 between the supervising physician and the physician assistant. A  
19 supervising physician shall establish the terms of a written delegation  
20 agreement that shall include, but not be limited to: (A) A description of  
21 the professional relationship between the supervising physician and  
22 the physician assistant; (B) identification of the medical services that  
23 the physician assistant may perform; (C) a description of the manner in  
24 which the physician assistant's prescribing of controlled substances  
25 shall be documented in the patient's medical record; and (D) a  
26 description of the process for the supervising physician to evaluate the  
27 physician assistant's performance, including, but not limited to (i) the  
28 frequency with which the supervising physician intends to personally  
29 review the physician assistant's practice and performance of delegated  
30 medical services, and (ii) a description of the manner in which, and the  
31 frequency with which, the supervising physician intends to review the  
32 physician assistant's prescription and administration of controlled  
33 substances in schedule II or III. A supervising physician in a hospital  
34 setting shall reference or include applicable hospital policies, protocols  
35 and procedures in the written delegation agreement. The supervising  
36 physician shall review the written delegation agreement not less than  
37 annually and shall revise such written delegation agreement as the  
38 supervising physician deems necessary to reflect any change in the  
39 professional relationship between the supervising physician and the  
40 physician assistant, the medical services that the physician assistant is  
41 authorized to perform or the process for the supervising physician to  
42 evaluate the physician assistant's performance. All orders written by a  
43 physician assistant shall be followed by the signature of the physician  
44 assistant, [and the printed name of the supervising physician.] A  
45 physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician  
46 within the scope of such physician's license, (I) prescribe and  
47 administer drugs, including controlled substances in schedule IV or V  
48 in all settings, (II) renew prescriptions for controlled substances in  
49 schedule II, III, IV or V in all settings, (III) prescribe and administer

50 controlled substances in schedule II or III in all settings, provided in all  
 51 cases where the physician assistant prescribes a controlled substance in  
 52 schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision the physician  
 53 assistant is prescribing shall document such physician's approval of  
 54 the order in the patient's medical record in the manner prescribed in  
 55 the written delegation agreement, and (IV) prescribe and approve the  
 56 use of durable medical equipment. The physician assistant may, as  
 57 delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such  
 58 physician's license, request, sign for, receive and dispense drugs to  
 59 patients, in the form of professional samples, as defined in section  
 60 20-14c, or when dispensing in an outpatient clinic as defined in the  
 61 regulations of Connecticut state agencies and licensed pursuant to  
 62 subsection (a) of section 19a-491 that operates on a not-for-profit basis,  
 63 or when dispensing in a clinic operated by a state agency or  
 64 municipality. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow  
 65 the physician assistant to request, sign for, receive or dispense any  
 66 drug the physician assistant is not authorized under this subsection to  
 67 prescribe.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2014	20-12d(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To remove the requirement that orders written by a physician assistant be followed by the printed name of the supervising physician.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*